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Dear La Cima Families,

At this point in the summer we are usually fine tuning student schedules, making sure all of our beginning of the year events are coordinated, and getting ready for registration. This year, unfortunately, that is not the case. In fact, we are unsure at this point when all of these changes will end and we can get back to some sense of normalcy for our students, our families, and our staff.

As many of you are probably aware by now, it was determined last night at the Governing Board Meeting that “In-Person Learning” will not become a reality until after Labor Day, due to the continued spike in COVID-19 cases in Arizona. It was also approved for “Remote Learning by Necessity” to begin on August 10. This allows time for us to provide in-depth training to our teachers and staff to ensure we are providing the best education possible for our students. We are using every resource available to us to ensure this happens. We now know what remote learning entails and are ensuring we are prepared to move forward with providing planned and intentional learning opportunities for every one of our Cardinals!

Our utmost concern is the safety of our students, staff, and families. This is a sad time for us, as we so enjoy our students and miss them horribly. I also know it is very challenging for many of you. I feel strongly that we can get through this together and come out even stronger and with new skills.

I do need to provide some detailed information regarding critical steps/tasks that should help the start of the year run a bit smoother.

- Our traditional walk-through registration that was scheduled for July 21-23rd has been cancelled. In addition, our 6th grade student orientation, “La Cima Lift-off”, has also been cancelled.
 - Once we do have a start date for in-person instruction, we will attempt to coordinate an abbreviated, safe orientation for all of our new students.
 - ALL registration forms are on-line, but PLEASE call 696-6730 for assistance with completing this task, as it is vital that ALL students be registered as soon as possible to access our remote learning platform.
- Student schedules will be sent out, via the Parent and Student portal, at the end of July or the first week of August. If you are unable to access the Parent/Student portal, it means your registration **is not complete**. Please contact our registrar, Julie Kischer, a jkischer@amphi.com or call her at 696-4502. Please put your child’s name in the subject line of the email.
 - **Please double check your contact information (phone/e-mail/address) in TYLER to make sure it is correct.** If you see errors please contact Julie Kischer at jkischer@amphi.com or 696-4502 to correct the information. **It is imperative** that we have a way to get important information, changes, and updates out to you during “Remote Learning by Necessity” and beyond.

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Communication will be sent via e-mail, phone dialer, notices posted on La Cima's social media (FaceBook and Instagram), and on our website: <https://www.amphi.com/Domain/19>.

- Our school will be participating in "Remote Learning by Necessity". This means your child's instruction will be delivered online and work should be submitted in Google Classroom. Our district will be sending out a survey soon to gather information regarding your technology needs at home. It is crucial that you fill out the information on the survey as quickly as possible to help us prepare a system for checking out Chromebooks and supplies. If your child is unable to participate because of a technology concern that a school-supplied Chromebook will not resolve, please contact me at 696-6742 or jvalenzuela@amphi.com so that we can make accommodations for your child. Our goal is to get 100% of our students accessing curriculum online.
- You have a choice between "Remote Learning by Necessity," and Amphi Academy Online. Amphi Academy Online will be a continued option once students return to our actual campus, if you prefer them to remain online. You will receive a survey soon asking you to choose one of the following options:
 - "Remote Learning by Necessity" will begin on August 10, 2020. Students will begin learning remotely, following their La Cima schedule with La Cima teachers. Students will attend "class" online until they are able to return to campus in person. Assignments will be turned in using Google Classroom.
 - Amphi Academy Online can begin as soon as students are registered. Students will use the online curriculum to learn in a self-paced environment. Amphi Academy teachers will monitor students, provide interventions, schedule assessments, and assign grades. This is a good option for students who are able to learn entirely online, are responsible, are reading on grade level, and desire flexibility in the "time" they complete their online modules.
- We will send information soon regarding the specific times your child will need to be online to receive instruction, how to access the online instruction, grading procedures, and when teachers are available to help students who are struggling with the content.
- All first quarter sports have been cancelled at the middle school level. If you have your child's physical, you may turn it in to the front office to be used for the other sport seasons.

Once again we find ourselves in the middle of another challenge, one that we are more prepared to overcome, as we have learned so much from the Spring quarter. I want you to know how much your support, flexibility, and patience mean, as we figure out how to keep everyone safe and healthy. I cannot wait for students to return to campus. It certainly is a lonely place when they are not here. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. We are all better together!

Kind Regards,



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